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reports

concerning sightings of Soviet naval vessels and minor port information in the Arctic area.

Attachment No. 1

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- a. Large, 10,000-15,000-ton vessel, probably a cruiser of the SVERDLOV class but possibly of the CHAPAYEV class [redacted] sighted northwest of Ostrov Kildin [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- b. Three 2,000-3,000-ton vessels identified as destroyers, probably of the KOTLIN class [redacted] sighted northwest of Ostrov Kildin [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- c. Submarine, possibly of the Q-class [redacted] sighted northwest of Ostrov Kildin [redacted]
- d. Three small vessels, possibly of the KRONSTADT class, sighted in Guba Olenya, outside the entrance to Polyarnyy [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- e. Ten medium-large MIBs beached at Mys Mishukov [redacted]
- f. Four vessels, probably of the SKORYY class, sighted at Rosta [redacted]
- g. An almost completed 10,000-15,000-ton vessel similar to a. above, sighted at the Murmansk shipyards [redacted]
- h. Three vessels, possibly of the SKORYY class, sighted in Guba Vayenga [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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- a. Three identical tugs, with very long forecastles, seen heading out of Arkhangelsk  
[redacted] larger than the usual tugs seen at Arkhangelsk.

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- b. Submarine [redacted] being towed out of Arkhangelsk [redacted]  
(no further information).

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- c. Submarine moving on a westerly course, close to the shore [redacted]

[redacted] the noise of the powerful submarine engines  
sounded like jet aircraft were in the vicinity (no further details).

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- a. Large cylindrical tank-like object pointed in front, about 150 feet long,  
with a structure far back on the tank resembling a submarine tower (sic),  
being towed into Arkhangelsk by two tugs [redacted]

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- b. Limited information on wharf conditions and water depths at Arkhangelsk.

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- a. Fifteen to twenty unidentified submarines, a cruiser [redacted] and  
several smaller unidentified vessels, engaged in maneuvers with unidentified  
aircraft, near Poluostrov Rybachiy [redacted] the cruiser later anchored  
at Murmansk.

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- b. One row of 14 MTBs and one row of 20 MTBs beached near Mvs Vilikiv [redacted]

- c. Four cruisers sighted in Guba Vayenga [redacted]

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COUNTRY: USSR

SUBJECT: Port Report - Murmansk, and  
the Coast Outside

DATE OF REPORT: 15 September 1959

1. NAVAL: [redacted] the following five  
Soviet naval vessels were observed northwest of Kildin Island:

a. A large vessel estimated to be 10 - 15,000 tons, probably a cruiser,

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Description: Two masts and two smokestacks. There were two gun turrets  
on the forward deck and two on the after deck. [redacted]

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[redacted] the fore-  
castle reached to the after side of the forward smokestack.

[redacted] the ship be-  
longed to the SVERDLOV class, but [redacted] also possible that it was  
one of the CHAPAEV class.

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b. Three vessels of the same class, approximately 2-3,000 tons, identified  
[redacted] as destroyers.

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Description: All of these ships were flush decked and had two smokestacks.

[redacted] they  
belonged to the KOTLIN class.

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c. One submarine

Description:

the Q-class as being

most like the observed vessel.

d. the force did not keep to any definite formation.

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The cruiser moved in a west-northwest direction at a speed of ten to fifteen knots.

The other vessels steered various courses.

e. near Sedlovati, the submarine passed by headed in Olenya. It proceeded at sixteen to eighteen knots.

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f. Outside of the entrance to Polyornoye, farthest out in the Olenya Bay, three small vessels were observed.

The vessels were underway and criss-crossed the waters.

Description:

the

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vessels

resembled the

KRONSTADT class.

g. In on the shore near Misihukov Pt. were seen ten MTB's. The vessels lay on the shore with their sterns pointed seaward.

Their guns were covered and because of the great observation distance, no details could be observed.

they were medium-large MTB's.

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h. the following vessels were observed at Rosta:

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four vessels of about 2-3,000 tons, identified as destroyers.

Two of them lay alongside the pier and two lay at anchor.

Description: All of the vessels had two smokestacks and a forecastle that extended to the after side of the bridge structure.

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[redacted] the vessels [redacted] belonging  
to the SKORY class.

- i. At the shipyards, a large, newly-built vessel of 10-15,000 tons lay tied up. The vessel was armed and its superstructure was in place. The ship did not look completely finished.

Description

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[redacted]  
[redacted] there were two gun-turrets forward and two turrets aft.

- k. [redacted] three vessels were observed in Vayenga Bay.

Description:

[redacted] the vessels had one smokestack. [redacted]

[redacted] the vessels resembled the SKORY class, somewhat.

2. AIRPLANES: No aircraft were observed [redacted]

but [redacted]

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[redacted] the sound of airplane engines [redacted] came from a point

southeast of Murmansk.

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COUNTRY: USSR

SUBJECT: Port Report - Archangel

DATE OF REPORT: 10 September 1959

1. NAVAL: [redacted] three large tug-boats passed Pier 16-17 on their way out of Archangel.

Description: The tug-boats were identical and looked new; they were painted gray with white smokestacks, which had red bands. They had very long forecastles. The tug-boats were much larger than the tugboats [redacted] usually seen in Archangel.

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[redacted] a submarine that was being towed out of Archangel.

Description: [redacted]

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[redacted] circa ten miles north of Teriberski, a large submarine was observed close to the shore, on a westerly course. [redacted]

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[redacted] a powerful sound of engines could be heard from the submarine. [redacted]

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SUBJECT: Port Report - Archangel

DATE OF REPORT: 10 September 1959

1. THE HARBOR:

a large

tank-like object [ ] was being towed in to Archangel. The tank was red-lead painted, cylindrical and pointed in front; the length was circa 150 feet. Far back on the tank was an object that resembled a submarine tower, somewhat. Two tug-boats did the towing, one of which was painted gray and the other was black.

Near Sawmill No. 5-7, the depth was plumbed at 17 feet at the eastern end of the wharf. The wharf was in poorer condition than were the other wharves in the city.

The wharf at Sawmill No. 23 was in very good condition and the depth was said to be 24 feet, by the pilot.

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COUNTRY: USSR

SUBJECT: ~~Port Report~~ - Barent Sea ,  
Murmansk, Igarka.

DATE OF REPORT: 10 September 1959

1. NAVAL: [redacted] fifteen to twenty submarines, one cruiser and several smaller marine units were observed outside of Fisherman's Peninsula (Fiskerhalvöya).

The vessels were engaged in maneuvers with aircraft.

No description was given of the vessels or of the aircraft. The exact date was not given.

The cruiser [redacted] in [redacted] Murmansk, where it dropped anchor. [redacted]

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[redacted] one cruiser as well as a number of other units were observed near Rosta. No description was given of these vessels.

Near Viliki Pt. a number of MTB's were observed on shore. [redacted]

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[redacted] one row with fourteen vessels and one row of twenty.

No description was given except that they had torpedo tubes.

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Four cruisers were observed in Waenga Bay. No description of them was given.

2. AIRCRAFT: [redacted] three formations of airplanes were observed. Circa six airplanes were in the one formation and four and six airplanes in the two others.

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The airplanes came from the direction of Novaya Zemlja and flew low over Kolguev Island, possibly for making a landing.

A number of signals were exchanged between the aircraft and the island.

No description of the airplanes was given but they left clear condense strips.

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3. IGARKA: One of the Inflat agents in Igarka said that they were going to process wood there.

4. SHIPPING: Several lighters carrying lumber were observed on 3 or 4 August. They came from the White Sea on a course for the Kara Sea.

5. BUNKERS AT MURMANSK:

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wait for oil from the railroads.

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in the north and had to use that.

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